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Respectfully returned to the Sangguniang Panlalawigan of Leyte, through SP Secretary, the attached Ordinance No. 4 of the Sangguniang Bayan of Merida, Leyte.

Issues/ concerns for review/ recommendation/legal opinion is/ are as follows:

- Ordinance No. 4 entitled: “Barangay Socio-Cultural Assistance Ordinance of Merida, Leyte.”

REVIEW/RECOMMENDATION/LEGAL OPINION:

This office opines that the subject Ordinance is, in general, within the legislative authority of the Sangguniang Bayan under Section 447(5)(xvi)¹ of the Local Government Code of 1991 (R.A 7160), subject to availability of funds. Hence, we recommend for the declaration of its validity.

We hope to have assisted you with this request. Please note that the opinion rendered by this Office are based on facts available and may vary or change when additional facts and documents are presented or changed. This opinion is likewise without prejudice to the opinions rendered by higher and competent authorities and/or the courts.

ATTY. JOSE RAYMUND A. ACOL
Provincial Legal Officer [Signature]

¹ (xvi) Establish a municipal council whose purpose is the promotion of culture and the arts, coordinate with government agencies and non-governmental organizations and, subject to the availability of funds, appropriate funds for the support and development of the same

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The Provincial Legal Office is respectfully requested to review and submit recommendations on the herein enclosed **Municipal Ordinance No. 04, series of 2025 of the Municipality of Merida, Leyte**, entitled: **An Ordinance institutionalizing the socio-cultural assistance for the twenty-two barangays of the Municipality of Merida, Leyte, in the amount of Thirty Thousand Pesos (P30,000.00) annually per barangay and allocating funds thereof.**


FLORINDA JILLS UYVICO
Secretary to the Sanggunian



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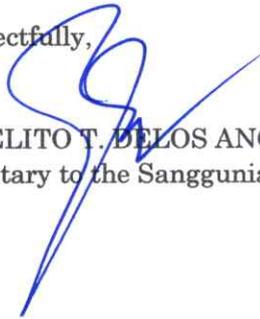
DEAR HONORABLE MEMBERS;

I have the honor to submit to the Sangguniang Panlalawigan of Leyte copies of **MUNICIPAL ORDINANCE NO. 04, SERIES OF 2025 – “AN ORDINANCE INSTITUTIONALIZING THE SOCIO-CULTURAL ASSISTANCE FOR THE TWENTY-TWO BARANGAYS OF THE MUNICIPALITY OF MERIDA, LEYTE, IN THE AMOUNT OF THIRTY THOUSAND PESOS (PHP30,000.00) ANNUALLY PER BARANGAY AND ALLOCATING FUNDS THEREOF”** enacted by the 19th Council of this Municipality, for review and consideration.

Hoping everything is in order.

Thank you.

Respectfully,


JOSELITO T. DELOS ANGELES
Secretary to the Sangguniang Bayan



Date: FEB 05 2026
BY: [Signature]

OFFICE OF THE SANGGUNIANG BAYAN

EXCERPT FROM THE MINUTES OF THE 138TH REGULAR SESSION OF THE SANGGUNIANG BAYAN (18TH COUNCIL), MERIDA, LEYTE HELD ON JUNE 09, 2025 AT THE LEGISLATIVE BUILDING SESSION HALL.

PRESENT:

HON. RODRIGO M. WENCESLAO
HON. CHENIL C. CALDERON
HON. JOEL A. MARSON
HON. EMARITO A. LUZARES
HON. CAMILO L. DEJON
HON. NENFA C. OYAO
HON. STEPHANIE M. MIRALLES
HON. ASHLEY NOREEN J. DIAZ

, Municipal Vice Mayor, Presiding Officer
, Municipal Councilor, Assistant Floor Leader
, Municipal Councilor
, Municipal Councilor, Majority Floor Leader
, Municipal Councilor
, Municipal Councilor
, Municipal Councilor
, Mun. SK Fed. President (Ex-Officio)

ABSENT:

HON. JESUS ANTONIO R. MARTINEZ
HON. FELIPE H. PEREZ, JR.
HON. RONILLO O. LABANG

, Municipal Councilor (Forced Leave)
, Municipal Councilor (Forced Leave)
, Mun. LnB President (Ex-Officio)
(Forced Leave)

-RESOLUTION NO. 18-25-073-

A RESOLUTION APPROVING MUNICIPAL ORDINANCE NO. 04, SERIES OF 2025 "AN ORDINANCE INSTITUTIONALIZING THE SOCIO-CULTURAL ASSISTANCE FOR THE TWENTY-TWO BARANGAYS OF THE MUNICIPALITY OF MERIDA, LEYTE, IN THE AMOUNT OF THIRTY THOUSAND PESOS (PHP30,000.00) ANNUALLY PER BARANGAY AND ALLOCATING FUNDS THEREOF."

WHEREAS, the Local Government Code of 1991 mandates the promotion of general welfare, including the preservation and enrichment of culture;

WHEREAS, the Municipality of Merida recognizes the importance of supporting Socio-Cultural Activities in the barangays to foster unity, heritage preservation, and community participation;

WHEREAS, there is a need to institutionalize an annual assistance to all Twenty-Two (22) barangays of Merida to support their respective socio-cultural programs and activities;

NOW, WHEREFORE, ON MOTION OF Hon. Camilo L. Dejon, Chairman Committee on Education, Culture, History, Science, Arts and Technology, duly seconded by MASS, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE SANGGUNIANG BAYAN (18TH COUNCIL) OF MERIDA, LEYTE, TO ENACT:

MUNICIPAL ORDINANCE NO. 04
Series of 2025

"AN ORDINANCE INSTITUTIONALIZING THE SOCIO-CULTURAL ASSISTANCE FOR THE TWENTY-TWO BARANGAYS OF THE MUNICIPALITY OF MERIDA, LEYTE, IN THE AMOUNT OF THIRTY THOUSAND PESOS (PHP30,000.00) ANNUALLY PER BARANGAY AND ALLOCATING FUNDS THEREOF."

SECTION 1. TITLE - This Ordinance shall be known as the "Barangay Socio-Cultural Assistance Ordinance of Merida."

SECTION 2. DECLARATION OF POLICY - It is hereby declared the policy of the Municipality of Merida to provide institutional support to barangays for the promotion and preservation of local culture, traditions, and unity through socio-cultural activities.

SECTION 3. ANNUAL SOCIO-CULTURAL ASSISTANCE - Each of the Twenty-Two (22) barangays of the Municipality of Merida shall be entitled to an Annual Socio-Cultural Assistance in the amount of THIRTY THOUSAND PESOS (P30,000.00) to be used exclusively for approved socio-cultural activities and projects.

SECTION 4. SOURCE OF FUNDS - The amount of P660,000.00 annually shall be charged against the Municipal Government's General Fund, or any other available local fund not otherwise appropriated, subject to usual budgeting, accounting, and auditing rules and regulations.

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(CONTINUATION OF MUNICIPAL ORDINANCE NO. 04, SERIES OF 2025 DATED JUNE 09, 2025
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SECTION 5. IMPLEMENTING MECHANISM - The Municipal Mayor, through the Municipal Budget Office and Municipal Treasurer's Office, shall ensure the timely release and monitoring of the Socio-Cultural Assistance. Barangays shall submit a Project Proposal and Post-Activity Report to the Municipal Government as a prerequisite for release and liquidation.

SECTION 6. SEPARABILITY CLAUSE - If any provision of this Ordinance is declared invalid or unconstitutional, the remaining provisions not affected shall continue to be in full force and effect.

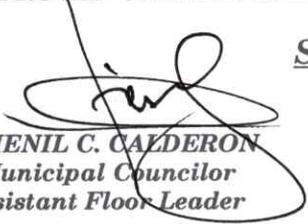
SECTION 7. REPEALING CLAUSE - All ordinances, executive orders, rules and regulations, or parts thereof that are inconsistent with this Ordinance are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

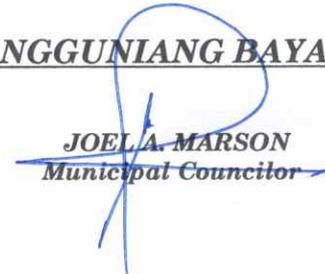
SECTION 8. EFFECTIVITY CLAUSE - This ordinance shall take effect immediately after its approval and publication in a local newspaper or posting in at least three (3) conspicuous places within the Municipality of Merida.

ENACTED BY THE SANGGUNIANG BAYAN OF MERIDA, LEYTE AT ITS REGULAR SESSION HELD ON THE 09TH DAY OF JUNE 2025.

APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY.

SANGGUNIANG BAYAN MEMBERS


CHENIL C. CALDERON
Municipal Councilor
Assistant Floor Leader

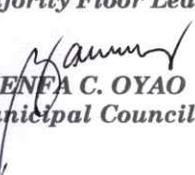

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Municipal Councilor

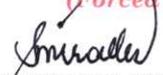
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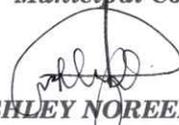

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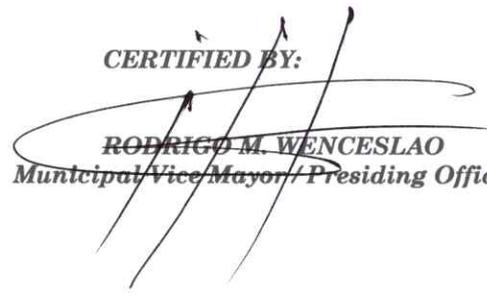
RONILLO O. LABANG
Ex-Officio (Mun. LnB President)
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APPROVED BY HIS HONOR, THE MUNICIPAL MAYOR ON JULY 08, 2025.

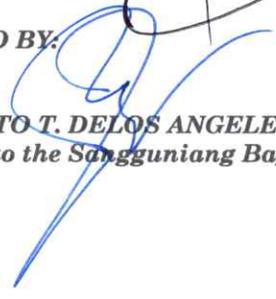
APPROVED BY:


ENGR. ROLANDO M. VISASENCIO
Municipal Mayor

CERTIFIED BY:


RODRIGO M. WENCESLAO
Municipal Vice Mayor / Presiding Officer

ATTESTED BY:


JOSELITO T. DELOS ANGELES
Secretary to the Sangguniang Bayan



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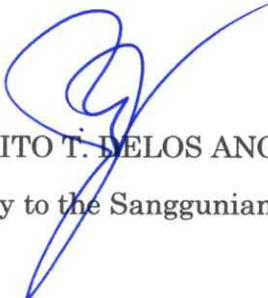
CERTIFICATION

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

THIS IS TO CERTIFY that **MUNICIPAL ORDINANCE NO. 04, SERIES OF 2025 - "AN ORDINANCE INSTITUTIONALIZING THE SOCIO-CULTURAL ASSISTANCE FOR THE TWENTY-TWO BARANGAYS OF THE MUNICIPALITY OF MERIDA, LEYTE, IN THE AMOUNT OF THIRTY THOUSAND PESOS (PHP30,000.00) ANNUALLY PER BARANGAY AND ALLOCATING FUNDS THEREOF"** had been posted in three (3) conspicuous places in the locality within three (3) consecutive weeks from JULY 08, 2025 to JULY 29, 2025.

THIS CERTIFICATION has been issued in compliance to Section 511 (1), Title One, book IV of RA 7160, otherwise known as the Local Government Code of 1991.

DONE AND ISSUED this 02ND day of FEBRUARY 2026 at Merida, Leyte, Philippines.


JOSELITO T. DELOS ANGELES
Secretary to the Sangguniang Bayan